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Illustration by Manda Thompson

*UAS student intern Leah Heiman inspects the results of a lab she is preparing for her biology students at Juneau Douglas High School last week. The lab extracts DNA from wheat germ.*



# Arson, diesel spill affects Auke Bay, says Dr. Rice

by Thane Kelly

WHALESONG REPORTER

In the wee hours of the morning, some people saw a 60-foot fireball in Auke Bay. A 60-foot fireball is a little hard to conceptualize, but to give an example, the amount of heat generated was enough to cause rocks on the beach to spontaneously explode. That was Tuesday, Sept. 21. According to the Juneau Empire, a passerby smelled the diesel and reported it to the police and fire departments that arrived at 4:20 a.m.

At 4:21 a.m. a call was placed to the Capital City Fire and Rescue that the DeHart's ramp was burning, and an electrical transformer was badly scorched. The transformer was filled with pressurized cooling oil, which is explosive. AEL&P shut down Auke Bay's power while the fire was being put out, to minimize the likelihood of an accident. The fire was actually coming

from a patch of lit diesel in the water, approximately 25-square-feet in area.

*What should have been a 90-gallon spill turned into a 1600 gallon spill... The fire did an estimated \$12,000 worth of damage, with an additional \$50,000 worth of cleanup costs.*

Rickey Gottardi is accused of cutting the fuel lines and lit the fuel with a blowtorch. As if this wasn't bad enough, what should have been a 90-gallon spill turned into a 1600-gallon spill due to a deteriorated rubber gasket which was not meant for petroleum use. The spilt

fuel was primarily diesel with about 35 gallons of gasoline. The suspect was arrested easily, since there was a videotape from a surveillance camera. Also found were the propane torch and knife used to cut the lines. The fire did an estimated \$12,000 worth of damage, with an additional \$50,000 worth of cleanup costs.

## Interview with Dr. Jeep Rice

Dr. Jeep Rice, the Program Manager and researcher for the National Marine Fisheries Service at the Auke Bay Laboratory, had some comments.

**Q:** Has the spill cleanup been completed?

**A:** Yes and no. The human clean up activities have probably been completed for sure, but nature will continue the natural recovery process of dilution and dissipation through the winter. Winter storm waves will work the surface sediments, and clean water will allow the organisms contaminated with the spill to slowly depurate any significant loads of hydrocarbons from the spill.

**Q:** Is any research being done at the Auke Bay lab regarding the effects of the spill?

**A:** We have gathered mussel and sediment samples that may be analyzed to determine if there have been chemical recovery of the spill. We actually have samples taken prior to the spill this summer, samples taken the day following the spill, and now we have some samples taken a week or more after the spill, and probably will do some limited sampling this winter.

**Q:** Any additional comments or concerns?

**A:** Yes, we have concerns about the spill. It was not a large spill, when comparing to the Exxon Valdez spill of 1989 for example, but it is another damaging input to add to the many small spills that are common in a harbor that is used extensively by boaters. In a harbor situation, it is the continuing damage from a succession of many spills, mostly small, like a gallon or two that can come out of a bilge, or when a boater has a leaky fuel tank, or is sloppy in the filing, or just in the consumption of fuel by lots of "2 stroke" engines, where as much as 30 percent of the fuel is discharged in the exhaust without burning. The damage to the fauna inside the marina may have been significant, but the choice was already made a long time ago to make that a marina.

More disturbing to me are the aerial photos of the spill that I have seen that shows the drift of the slick out past Wadleigh and Auke Nu creeks and into the Auke Nu cove where there is a struggling eel grass bed. These are productive habitats for salmon spawn and rearing, and also for herring. I would hate to see these areas absorb any more impact than they have. If Auke Bay is to survive as a productive refuge habitat for herring and other wildlife, it needs to retain the clean coves and shoreline outside of the inner marina area, and the chronic pollution originating from inside the marina areas needs to be minimized and contained as much as possible. 🐟

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Chris Grinder, Abby O'Brien and Jen Olson take a break from class in the cafeteria annex earlier this month.

Whalesong photo  
Ryan Sotomayor

## Life on campus shows diversity

By Ryan Sotomayor  
WHALESONG REPORTER

As students juggle with the costs of groceries, tuition, room and board, student housing promises an affordable solution. Compared with the rent racket in Juneau, living on campus is a simple and financially viable way to live while attending UAS.

Living on campus is an experience unlike any other, especially in a college atmosphere that is such a tight-knit community, said Abby O'Brien, Community Advisor and UAS student. "You always have a place to go and you get to see people in and out of an academic setting."

"It adds depth and a connection, you see these people at the dorms, but you also have classes with them," added Jen Olson, C.A. and UAS student during a Thursday lunch with a folk singer singing a '60's pop song in the background. So you see different sides of people.

Chris Grinder, UAS student, former R.A. and Amnesty International club president, decided to come to UAS after realizing that he couldn't find funds for his first choice of schools, the University of British Columbia. "Plus, it's affordable and there are small class sizes, so you get to know your professors and peers, unlike UAA that has small-country-sized classes, with hundreds of people in a 100-level English course."

Grinder decided to become an R.A. because he genuinely cares about people he knows, and also people that he doesn't. "I'll probably have to take an extra year of school because of it, but it was time well spent."

"There are places for people who don't have a car to buy food," Grinder

said, describing the perks of living on campus. Olson and O'Brien also described the vast amount of support that students receive. "The people are around you, your friends and there's always someone there to talk to," Olson stated. O'Brien added, "You can just walk into someone's room and start talking to them, because usually they're your friend."

Living on campus isn't all mustard sandwiches and rose-colored clouds, however. Grinder described his R.A. duties as taxing and stressful at times. "There are a lot of undesirable tasks: breaking up parties, roommate conflicts and noise complaints," he said. "Students are just learning how to cope with being in Alaska and away from home, and sometimes it gets rough."

Grinder worked with students who suffered from depression-stemming from lack of daylight, rain, school, work and just life-contemplated suicide and some who attempted suicide also. "Michelle Federico (counselor in the student resource center) was amazing with each of them, and with me. She could use a lot more help, also, she's so busy that it's hard to schedule an appointment sometimes," he said. Federico is available to help students and can be reached at 465-6457, Michele Federico @ Counseling Services.

Overall, the on-campus living situation seems to be a pleasant and engaging, albeit busy experience. There are all sorts of clubs, like Amnesty International, which Grinder started with the faculty help of History Professor Robin Walz, and exists as a part of the worldwide organization ([www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)). Other activities are going on all the time at the SAC, such as Karaoke night on October 15.

## CALENDAR

Oct. 29 Halloween Dance – prizes, DJ Lou Dog, food; SAC, 9 p.m. - 1 p.m.

## Find your place

by Shana Crondahl  
WHALESONG REPORTER

Don't know where or when to vote? You can call the State of Alaska Division of Elections' polling place locator at 1(888) 383-8683. Then enter your Social Security Number or your voter number when prompted, and you will be told where your polling place is located. If you live in UAS housing, your polling place is the Auke Bay Fire Station. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2.

## Absentee voting easy for students

WHALESONG STAFF

There's no place like home, especially at election time when it's easy to find your polling place. Luckily, this Capitol City is election central. Students from other places in Alaska beside Juneau can vote absentee in person. Ballots for House Districts one through 40 are available at the following locations.

On Nov. 2, visit the elections office at 9103 Mendenhall Mall Road, suite 3, or downtown at the Key Bank Lobby behind the Silverbow at 234 Seward St. Present your identification card with your districts address and they will give you a ballot.

The valley office will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. The Key Bank polling location will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don't forget to bring your state-issued identification.

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# OPINION

## Making waves



Well, I'm not sure exactly what I want. I just want a change!

The conservative incumbent look is totally out this November, sweetheart. The edgy, big hair East coast style is in!

This was not the kind of change I was thinking of. Speaking of change, I don't think I have any. Do you know anywhere I can get a buzz for free?



## Gerrymandering, nepotism part of today's politics

By John Sonin  
WHALESONG REPORTER

Any contentions that programs on the Left have failed, that their campaigns have “flip-flopped,” have only been the result of the tacit deception premised (yet for those “out-of-the-loop,” believed!) in the policies that the Right have enacted. From invading Iraq because it contained WMD's, harbored al Qaeda and other imminent enemies of the U.S. to being a “net job loss” and “overseeing an average pay decrease” Governor forcing Alaskan graduates to flee the state seeking employment elsewhere, the Right's depiction of an ineffective Left has forced (by the Right's irrational, emotionally charged rhetoric now controlling the public agenda) them to realign their positions

catering to these whimsical fantasies.

The sanity of truly public serving leadership has given way to self-serving “blowhards” competing to see who can bark louder and not get “called” on it. This kind of G.W. Bush—Enron engendering, Texas Republican—democratized gerrymandering, Tom Delay—corporate-favoritism and Frank-Lisa Murkowski nepotism has gone too far. Self-embellishment for political purposes is the real issue confronting American voters on Nov. 2.

Do we really want to continue living in the self-serving, fear driven reality of politics on the right—especially “a Right” led by the looming “world's end” perceptions of the “Christian Coalition” and its leaders? Expecting an “end to civilization” has resulted

in transgressions and sanctioning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deadly Sin (“GREED”) where hypocritical believers must get it all now because there won't be any around later. The mandate this “silent majority” commands has now set this country—my Nation for God's sake!—on the path of inequality and favoring the few. It's as if this leadership wishes only to “devolute” civilization to the days of aristocratic rule where the monarchy of Dukes, Earls and Barons lived in the luxury of plenty and the majority in the squalor of indentured servitude.

Case-in-point for this promise-of-tomorrow is the debt driven economic expansion bolstering the perception of U.S. economic growth today.

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## The art of writing is the art of emailing?

Calling all current students of UAS and community members. We want to hear from you. Reflect on current campus happenings, news events, or other subjects of public

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# CAMPUS LIFE

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### Test your knowledge of spooks

By Sandra Galeana  
WHALESONG REPORTER

- 1) Who played Chris McCormick in *Eight Legged Freaks*?
  - a. David Arquette
  - b. Scott Terra
  - c. Doug E. Doug
- 2) Who played Freddy in *Freddy vs. Jason*?
  - a. Ken Kirzinger
  - b. Robert Englund
  - c. Jason Ritter
- 3) What was done to save money when the *Blair Witch Project* was done filming?
  - a. They sold all the props
  - b. They fired all the actors
  - c. They returned the video camera
- 4) Halloween was originally the night to...
  - a. Dress up and trick or treat
  - b. Scare off the evil spirits
  - c. Smash pumpkins
- 5) Which title is the spoof of *Dawn of the Dead*?
  - a. Blond of the Dead
  - b. Shaun of the Dead
  - c. Pawn of the Dead
- 6) Who did Brendan Frazier play in *The Mummy* and *The Mummy Returns*?
  - a. Bennie
  - b. Jonathan
  - c. O Connell
- 7) In the original *Ghost Busters* what monster was accidentally chosen to ravage the city?
  - a. Stay Puff'd Man
  - b. Pillsbury dough boy
  - c. Gingerbread man
- 8) What monster cannot see his reflection?
  - a. Dracula
  - b. Frankenstein
  - c. Boogieman
- 9) How does a person become a werewolf?
  - a. A person must see a full moon
  - b. A person must be bitten by a werewolf
  - c. A person must be given wolf DNA
- 10) Out of the survivors in *Final Destination*, who was the first character to die by death's hands?
  - a. Terry
  - b. Alex
  - c. Tod

#### Answers

- 1) a    2) b    3) c    4) b  
5) b    6) c    7) a    8) a    9) b  
10) c

#### Score

10 Right-----You are the Spooks and Horror ruler

8-9 Right-----you're spooky but horror is not your strong point.

6-7 Right-----Not too bright about Spooks and Horrors, are you?

5 or less right-----Do you even like Halloween?

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# Informed-Traitor advice column: The Election

Hello, my name is Miss Informed and my partner is InfoTraitor. He and I will be doing this advice column so that an inquirer will get two viewpoints, one from a female and one from a male. Please realize what is said in these columns are only suggestions and for entertainment only. The inquirer must decide to use the advice using his/her own judgment.  
**Miss Informed and InfoTraitor**

Dear Miss Informed and Mr. E,  
As you well know this is election year and I am faced with a difficult decision. I have little faith in our government and I believe all the polls are rigged. After our last election, can voting really be taken seriously? I am looking for some advice on whether I should vote or not.


Signed,  
*To Vote or Not to Vote*

Dear To Vote or Not to Vote,


To answer your first question, voting should always be taken seriously. Lets play a pretend game. You go in and vote for who you want in office. Now if the polls are rigged as you so eloquently put it then you wasted five minutes of your time exercising your right to vote even if it didn't matter. But what if the polls aren't rigged? Well then you have contributed to society and stated who you would like to have in office (this also gives you complaining rights). Ok now lets look at it if you didn't vote. If the polls were rigged then it wouldn't matter and you could live another day with who ever is in charge. If the polls aren't rigged however, you would have failed to state who you want in office and face it you have no right to complain about it. You are the one not exercising your rights.  
So it seems to me the best thing to do is vote because it is a win/win situation and if you don't

vote it is a win/lose situation. So be a winner... Vote.  
(Miss Informed is not responsible for the corniness of this response.)  
— Miss Informed


Dear To Vote or Not to Vote,  
Of COURSE your vote doesn't count in the presidential election. That's what the electoral ballots are for (As opposed to the electoral ballots where the senators get to prance around wearing tax dollar tutu's).  
My motto is to always go to the polls, because turning in a blank ballot makes just as strong a statement. It tells those tutu-wearing candidates just what you think of them.  
NOTHING AT ALL!!  
— Mr. E.




## What are you doing this Halloween?



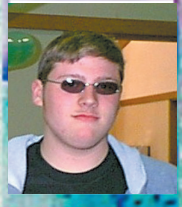
**Amanda Breman**  
I am going to the Rocky Horror with Betsy and I will be dressing up as a Morbid Fairy.




**Ambrosia Rose**  
I will be participating in the library's Halloween theme.



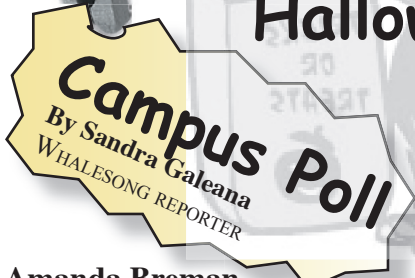
**Betsy Sandberg**  
I am going to the Rocky Horror at JDHS. My fiance and I are dressing up as a demon couple.



**Chad Guertin**  
I will be going to church and then throwing a Halloween Party at the SAC. All are invited.



**Philip Nevitt**  
**UAA Student**  
I am taking a day off since the kids in costumes will be knocking on the doorss and note me. Vote Yes on 2.



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# My mistaken travel date from Alaska to Canada

By Nikki Hughes  
WHALESONG REPORTER

Once made the mistake of traveling with my boyfriend. Not only was he a dull drip of an individual but he was also a whiny traveler who insisted on partaking in tourism extravaganzas. In Paris, he insisted that we waste our day traveling on tourist buses because he was cold and didn't want to walk anywhere. How could I be together with someone who wanted to ride tourist buses for sightseeing?

Furthermore I was disappointed in myself for going along with him. I made the critical mistake of traveling with a suburbanite who actually craved burgers in the gourmet capital of the world? His idea of French cuisine was the fries that came on the side, which aren't really French. I believe he ordered a side of "freedom" fries in

France. During that trip I learned two things: one, that would be the last time I ever dated an ex-Mormon from the burbs, and two, I would never travel with a boyfriend again.

However, I am breaking that rule for that sacred holiday known as Alaska Day. I figure, hey, it's Alaska Day and once upon a time on this amazing day someone somewhere in Alaska took a risk and I should too. I am going patriotic this year and celebrating all the state holidays with a boost of gumption and vigor. And I am bringing a horned Viking hat along for the occasion to show I mean business. Let the message of freedom fries ring and go out into Alaskan Day with a smile and conquer something.

The historical significance of Alaska Day is unparalleled to any other state holiday. Oh who am I kidding, I don't

know why we celebrate it but I am truly grateful because I need a freakin' break. And don't we all deserve one. It is an American tradition to celebrate holidays that no one has heard of and no one can remember the significance of. We only remember the importance of getting time off to party an extra day of the week.

This year Alaska Day marks an event in the making. I am venturing back on the road with a dude. That's right I am hoisting up my chaps and saddling in for a ferry/road trip. The roads should be safer for traveling and hopefully this time around less windy.

I am writing this blurb pre trip so we'll experiment and see how I feel after the trip. That way we get a before and after look at the whole situation. For example I have to ride the ferry and I get seasick, so there may be humorous post trip blurbs. And what if this new guy turns out to be a pervert who only wants to go to Canada to see the strippers in Whitehorse.

In true Alaskan style, we are taking the ferry to Haines and traveling back to Skagway to ride home. We only pass through Canada to get from point A to point B. Don't think I would betray the meaning of Alaska Day by visiting Canada. No, that would be sacreligious. So I will divulge no more until the trip is over. Bon voyage...

## Post trip

I made it back alive! On the ferry down to Haines I drank a gin and tonic; the upside to drinking on the ferry is that you can't tip the bartender b/c he is a state employee and it's considered a bribe. The downside about drinking on the ferry is that you puke.

Haines was beautiful and is probably one of the coolest hippy communities in the world. We did as the locals did and become patrons at the popular bar the Fogcutter. I liked the laidback atmosphere of the bar. Everything from the local beer, which is actually much better than Alaskan, to the stale popcorn you can scoop-up and serve yourself. We played pool and danced to the loud tunes that ranged from country to twang (I didn't say it was a wide range but they get down to it).

The best part of the night was driving into a pullout and camping-out in the van.

No one bothered us the whole night

as we slept on the roadside. I instantly fell in love with the VW Van named Dreamcicle. I now know the freedom of being able to sleep comfortably in the vehicle you drive in. It's sexy to sleep in a rustic hippie-mobile, with green and orange 70's interior, and it's a bonus that the vehicle absorbs your scent. In the morning we woke up to a beautiful sunny day and walked into town up to the favorite local restaurant, The Bamboo Room. I recommend the strawberry waffles.

## Yukon chill

After breakfast, we headed out for the Yukon. Oh what good can I say about the Yukon: nothing good, nothing bad, but it's damn cold there. One of the scenic points is the Catholic Church called Our Lady of the Way. This is the tackiest church I have ever seen. It was a military silo that was divinely converted into a Catholic B film. The inside of the church was so cold there was no holy water and in replacement was a holy sponge-which is an oxymoron because Catholics don't believe in birth control.

This church claims to be the most photographed church in Haines Junction, I suspect because no one can believe at how God-awful it is. You can't miss it because of the huge orange plastic cross on the midget sized door that suggests it could possibly be Red-Cross bunker. Right after I left the church God struck. The heater broke. I grabbed my sleeping bag and wrapped it around me the whole rest of the trip in the Yuko.

Damn the Yuko. It's colder than ice in that hellhole. I saw a dead horse on the side of the road and I suspect it dropped dead because the blood froze in its veins. I looked at the horse with apathy as I saw myself slowly freezing while it had the luxury of a quick death. My bag surrounded me and I looked like the questionable-meat that lies inside the chicken McNugget, wrapped by an outside layer of fluffy purple down. Ducks are warm, wonderful creatures and they quickly became my favorite animal.

We stopped for Italian food in Whitehorse. The food was great and the waiter said "paausta," like only

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our neighbors to the south could. The whole experience was like a Canadian cliché as the people in the table next to us talked about Celene Dion and horses. I felt all tingly inside to know that Yuko's still loved Celene. After the dinner, we huddled together for warmth in the van and woke up with frost on the inside windows. We needed to drive out of there before I froze and became any bitterer.

The next and last stop was Skagway. The streets were filled with abandoned shops and I half expected to see tumbleweeds. It seemed like a ghost town but there was a wonderful place called the Haven's Café still open. The food was divine and more affordable than any place in Juneau. We spent most of our time playing board games and ordering various items from the menu. We ate three different kinds of pies, milk shakes, lattes, quiche, sandwiches, bagels, and anything we fancied. We played a competitive game of Scrabble that lasted for over three hours. Fallen leaves that were the colors of yellow, orange and red blanketed the town. I was surprised that fall actually exists in Southeast. Juneau just goes from green to brown.

I learned how to make a mini-sauna. You make a fire and place large rocks where they can heat up. Then you set up a tarp tent so that you can sit inside and all the sides seal to trap in the heat. You take the rocks inside the tarp and pour water on them. Viola, instant hot sauna. It felt nice to be warm again. The heater kicked back in after we arrived in Skagway. Thank you God, I will never poke fun at tacky churches again.

The trip was amazing. When I came back to work there was an email from Gov. Murkowski explaining that Alaska Day was celebrating Alaska's induction into statehood or when we bought it from the Russians. Now I can die knowing why we celebrate Alaska Day and one more email from him telling me useless facts loses him a vote (any excuse to not vote for him works for me.) The weekend refreshed me and actually I may end up traveling with this guy again. He didn't order Canadian bacon in Canada, so maybe the curse of having a culturally handicapped lover has been broken. 🐋

## Vaccine for students limited, fight with habits

*What everyone should know about the flu and flu vaccine*

The Student Resource Center  
THE WHALESONG

The Health Office at UAS has been effected the same way all clinics and hospitals across the country have – we have a very limited supply of the flu vaccine for students.

Colleen Stansbury, Physican Assistant at UAS, can provide students with a flu vaccination if they meet the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. You must have a chronic health condition, and be able to provide medical documentation about that condition in order to qualify.

Since good health habits may be the best method of prevention this year, the CDC has provided the following information about recognizing flu symptoms, how the flu spreads and the best health practices to prevent the flu.

Flu symptoms can include:

*Adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before getting symptoms and up to 7 days after getting sick... you can give someone the flu before you know you're sick as well as while you are sick.*

- Fever (usually high)
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Gastro-intestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

The flu spreads in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. It usually spreads from person to person, though occasionally a person may become infected by

touching something with virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

Adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before getting symptoms and up to 7 days after getting sick. That means that you can give someone the flu before you know you're sick as well as while you are sick.

Below are some suggested good health habits to avoid getting or spreading the flu:

- Avoid close contact
- If possible, stay at home and benefit from a day of rest
- Cover your mouth and nose
- Sanitize your hands
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid sharing food, drinks, cigarettes, etc., with others

If you have questions or are not feeling well, feel free to stop by and see Colleen Stansbury, PAC. She is available for walk ins and appointments, Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 🐋

## Got Class? Spring 2005 registration almost here

UAS STAFF

Get your to-do list out and make registering for Spring 2005 classes a priority!

October 21	Spring 2005 course information available at <a href="http://www.uas.alaska.edu/schedule">www.uas.alaska.edu/schedule</a>
Oct 25-Nov 14	Make an appointment to see your advisor. Bring in your proposed schedule and any questions about your program/career goals
November 15	Priority registration begins for degree seeking students – Register Online at <a href="http://uaonline.alaska.edu/">http://uaonline.alaska.edu/</a>
November 29	General registration opens for all students
December 15	Payment deadline for Spring 2005
December 22	Make sure you are registered for Spring 2005 classes
December 23	Campus closed for the holidays

Printed schedules will be available on campus November 8. However, the online schedule is always the most up-to-date and accurate schedule available.

If you are unsure of who your advisor is, stop by the Student Resource Center in the Novatney Building for assistance. The SRC is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. with walk in advising from 3-5 p.m. each day. Next day appointments are usually available.

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# Hamilton promotes UA funding, liberal arts skills

by Thane Kelly  
WHALESONG REPORTER

President Hamilton walked in, extra large espresso drink in his hand, to deliver a speech in the Egan lecture hall last week on funding. The room was about half full, mostly with older adults and perhaps ten people under thirty nestled into the audience.

Hamilton described his job as, “wandering around asking for money, which is incredibly boring.” He talked about his goal of fixing something significant before he leaves. He also stated that he feels we should re-negotiate our contract with the state, because all economic development evolves by passing through the university system, training our workforce and elevating the economic opportunities for the community. Hamilton pointed out that while federal grant funding has doubled over the past five years, the state funding has decreased by 40 percent.

Another point Hamilton brought up was the relative value of a degree, in the eyes of future employers. According to Hamilton, in 1950, roughly 20 percent of all U.S. jobs required a four-year degree. By 2004, this statistic increased a whopping two percent. As he also pointed out that the founders of Microsoft were college dropouts, who, after learning what they could, left without a degree. Hamilton also stated that the typical business response is that it takes two to three

years for a new college graduate to become efficient in their jobs. Because of these issues, Hamilton stated that we “need to take a good hard look at vocation.” Hamilton suggested that after students graduate, there should be a continuation of the training process, through apprenticeships and other employment opportunities.

The next topic was the importance of liberal arts in general. The general message was that even vocational students, business degree seekers or non-liberal arts majors can gain a lot from the basic education and well-rounded nature of liberal arts. Hamilton also discussed the criteria that most employers are looking for in a new graduate. The most important traits are honesty, discipline, good communication skills, and the ability to read for content. Technical skills are not as important, since they are usually developed on the job anyway.

As Hamilton pointed out during the questions and answers section, the study of Liberal Arts was embraced by our founding fathers as a course of study to prepare people to contribute in a free society. It’s not about being liberal politically. It’s about being more than a worker bee when you get out of school. Graduates are also going to be members of their community, voters and citizens. In order to be competent and effective at these broad levels requires a broad educational base. 🐋

## UAS 🐋 POLITICAL 🐋 PUZZLER!

### ACROSS

- 1. The election before the official election
- 7. Ancient form of Japanese poetry
- 8. Second Amendment organization
- 9. A speaker does this
- 11. First name of our governor
- 12. Before, to a poet
- 13. Exists
- 14. Southern vegetable
- 16. Not up
- 17. You ride it down a snowy hill
- 20. Number of candidates who win
- 22. As in Bering or Red
- 24. Chicken \_\_ king (2)
- 25. Stomach muscle, singular
- 26. Kentucky
- 27. Detention
- 28. Yes in Russian
- 29. Slang for Diamond
- 30. A type of cheese
- 32. Military student
- 34. We live in this kind of country
- 35. Greek god of war

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### DOWN

- 1. Those who are running face off in \_\_\_\_
- 2. Rhode Island
- 3. Variation in spelling for icon
- 4. Winner of the republican senate primary
- 5. When you are the voter, you are also this
- 6. One who is running for an office
- 10. Spans of memorable time
- 11. Common name for your dog
- 15. “On bended \_\_\_\_”
- 16. When two candidates face off
- 18. This group was first allowed to vote in 1919
- 19. To choose
- 21. Green party candidate
- 23. Much debated wildlife/oil acronym
- 30. Fantastic Four, AKA
- 31. Channel that specializes in biography
- 32. California abbreviation
- 33. Crème \_\_ la crème (really good)

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# Career services helps students connect with internships

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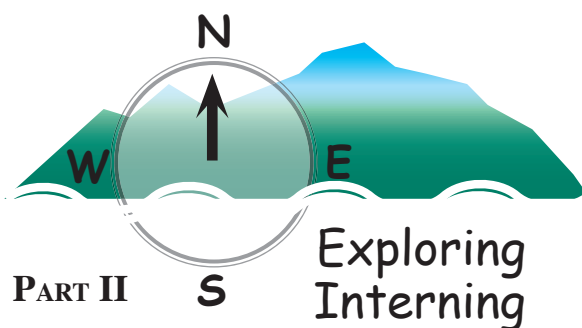
So, you're interested in interning. According to UAS's current Academic Catalog, "Academic internships are experience-based courses that place a student in an organization, public or private, under the supervision [of] a qualified professional in the agency and a UAS faculty member." This article covers specific interning opportunities and the different mechanisms used to set up internships. If you didn't read "Real life experience greets UAS student interns," go track down the last issue of the Whalesong, which will tell you how to prepare for an internship. It is on the internet at: [www.uas.alaska.edu/whalesong/](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/whalesong/).

Lynn Uhl, Coordinator and Career Counselor at UAS's Career Services, says that the greatest number of internship opportunities occur in the summer.

In most instances, the time to apply for summer internships is January through March, depending upon the specific internship.

However, internship opportunities are available year-round, and according to Uhl, approximately 30 students participated in academic internships during the Spring, 2004 semester in the following fields: Accounting, Anthropology, Art, Business, Biology, Communications, Diesel, Economics, Education, English, Government, Psychology, and Theater.

One of the best places to start your internship search would be with Uhl at Career Services. She maintains a bulletin board with current internship opportunities, and handouts listing standing internship opportunities, including the Legislative Internship Program, and internships with the Permanent Fund Corporation, the Alaska Conservation Foundation, the Alaska Sea Life Center, the Arctic Studies Center, Sealaska, and many other organizations. If one of the regular programs is not of interest to you, she also has 170 people on a contact list of organizations who



are looking for or who have used interns in the past.

Another really good place to look for internship opportunities would be with UAS faculty in your academic program. Since internships are excellent employment experience, it makes a lot of sense to find an internship that is related to your major field of study or is related to the career you wish to pursue when you finish your education. Faculty coordinate many of these types of internships, and may have information on current

opportunities or may be able to help you find an appropriate internship.

You will also need to coordinate the internship with a faculty member if you would like to receive academic credit. Brendan Kelly, Dean of Arts and Sciences at UAS,

says that in order to receive academic credit for an internship, the internship must be supervised by a faculty member and by someone in the institution where the internship is occurring. There must also be an academic component to the internship in order to receive credit. Students must pay tuition for the credit, just as they would for any other class.

The mechanisms for different ways to intern listed in UAS's academic catalog are internships, practica, independent study, and individual research classes. The catalog lists course numbers for internships in many disciplines. Details are outlined beginning on page 121, under the section entitled, "Other Academic Opportunities."

So what are you waiting for? Start planning now to fit an internship into your university experience. You will take advantage of the opportunity to receive valuable work experience while advancing your knowledge, receiving academic credit, and maybe even getting paid!

**places to go:**  
Alaska Conservation  
Foundation  
Alaska Sea Life Center  
Sealaska  
... and many more!



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*UAS student intern Kyle Wark helps a student completing coursework for a geometry distance course at Juneau Douglas*

## Five Web sites give students helpful information on interning

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WHALESONG REPORTER

1. [uas.alaska.edu/careerservices/internships.html](http://uas.alaska.edu/careerservices/internships.html)  
UAS's Career Services information page on Internships
2. [uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/forms/Onlineinternctct.pdf](http://uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/forms/Onlineinternctct.pdf)  
The "Internship Contract Proposal" form, needed if you want to get CREDIT for your internship!
3. [ecampusrecruiter.com/uas/index.php?script=member-index](http://ecampusrecruiter.com/uas/index.php?script=member-index)  
UAS's employment, internship,

alumni connections, and career events on campus info page.

4. [uas.alaska.edu/internprogram/](http://uas.alaska.edu/internprogram/)  
Info on UA's Legislative Intern Program
5. [uas.alaska.edu](http://uas.alaska.edu)

Last but not least, simply go to the UAS homepage and type "intern" into the site search space. You will get links to pages with info on Environmental Science Internships, Diesel/Marine Engine Room Prep Internships, and other opportunities.



Do these photos look familiar? Coming soon  
to The Whalesong: UAS history column



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